



DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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THE VOLUNTEERS CALLED OUT ON
REGULAR BORDER PATROL DUTIES
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THE GOVERNOR HAS APPROVED A LIMITED CALL OUT OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG REGIMENT (THE VOLUNTEERS) TO ASSIST THE SECURITY FORCES IN ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OPERATIONS.

THE CALL OUT WILL TAKE EFFECT FROM SATURDAY (JUNE 16).

ALTHOUGH THE VOLUNTEERS ALREADY PROVIDE TWO SQUADRONS FOR BORDER PATROLS AS PART OF THE GURKHA FIELD FORCE AT WEEKENDS, FROM SATURDAY (JUNE 16) THE 5 SQUADRONS OF THE VOLUNTEERS WILL IN TURN PROVIDE REGULAR PATROLS OF THE BORDER AREAS.

EACH SQUADRON COMPRISES ABOUT 90 OFFICERS AND MEN AND WILL SPEND THREE OUT OF EVERY FIFTEEN DAYS ON DUTY DEPLOYED IN AREAS DESIGNATED BY THE COMMANDER GURKHA FIELD FORCE.

THE SECRETARY FOR SECURITY, MR. LEWIS DAVIES, SAID THAT THE ADDITIONAL MANPOWER WHICH THIS CALL OUT REPRESENTED WAS MOST WELCOME. IT INDICATED THE INCREASING MANPOWER WHICH WAS BEING DEPLOYED TO ENSURE A HIGH LEVEL OF ARREST OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. HE SAID HE WAS WRITING TO THE CIVILIAN EMPLOYERS OF MEMBERS OF THE VOLUNTEERS NOTIFYING THEM OF THE DECISION AND SEEKING THEIR CO-OPERATION IN RELEASING THEIR STAFF FOR THIS IMPORTANT DUTY.

MR. DAVIES SAID THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE VOLUNTEERS IN ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT OPERATIONS WILL BE KEPT UNDER REVIEW.

AT PRESENT, FOUR BATTALIONS OF THE GARRISON AS WELL AS ABOUT 2,000 OFFICERS FROM THE ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE FORCE ARE ENGAGED IN ANTI-ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT OPERATIONS.

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DUKE OF KENT HERE AFTER CHINA VISIT

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THE DUKE OF KENT ARRIVED IN HONG KONG THIS (MONDAY) EVENING FOLLOWING A ONE-WEEK OFFICIAL VISIT TO CHINA.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WAS MET ON ARRIVAL BY THE GOVERNOR, SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE. ALSO AT THE AIRPORT TO GREET HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WERE THE CHIEF JUSTICE, SIR DENYS ROBERTS= THE CHIEF SECRETARY, SIR JACK CATER= THE COMMANDER BRITISH FORCES, MAJOR-GENERAL SIR ROY REDGRAVE= THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, SIR YUET-KEUNG KAN= THE SENIOR UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, THE HON. OSWALD CHEUNG= AND MR. WANG KUANG, FIRST DIRECTOR OF THE XINHUA NEWS AGENCY.

THE DUKE OF KENT WILL STAY IN HONG KONG FOR ONE DAY AND FLY TO LONDON TOMORROW EVENING.

TRAVELLING ON THE SAME AIRCRAFT WITH HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS WILL BE THE GOVERNOR. ACCOMPANYING SIR MURRAY MACLEHOSE WILL BE THE SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION, MR. DAVID FORD, AND THE POLITICAL ADVISER, DR. DAVID WILSON.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FACILITY AT THE AIRBRIDGE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE DEPARTURE OF THE DUKE AND THE GOVERNOR (BA 20, E.T.D. 9 P.M.) TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

PRESS REPRESENTATIVES ASSIGNED TO COVER THE DEPARTURE ARE ASKED TO ASSEMBLE AT THE AIRPORT PRESS ROOM ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE AIRPORT TERMINAL BUILDING NOT LATER THAN 7.45 P.M. THEY ARE REMINDED TO BRING THEIR IDENTITY CARDS OR PASSPORTS TO FACILITATE THEIR ENTRY INTO THE RESTRICTED AREA. G.I.S. OFFICERS WILL BE ON HAND TO ASSIST THEM.

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SHA TIN SITE FOR SALE

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A PRESTIGE SITE IN SHA TIN WILL BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC AUCTION AT SHA TIN GOVERNMENT SECONDARY SCHOOL TOMORROW (TUESDAY).

THE 1,679-SQUARE METRE SITE FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IS ON THE HILLSIDE OPPOSITE THE PROPOSED KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY DEPOT. IT IS THE FIRST SITE IN THIS AREA PUT UP FOR SALE.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND A REPORTER/PHOTOGRAPHER TO COVER THE LAND SALE AT 11 A.M. TOMORROW. A GOVERNMENT VAN WILL TAKE MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES TO SHA TIN TOMORROW, LEAVING KOWLOON PUBLIC PIER AT 10.15 A.M.

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TENDERS INVITED FOR TAXI LICENCES

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THE TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IN CONTINUING THE PRESENT POLICY OF ISSUING 100 TAXI LICENCES A MONTH, WILL BE INVITING TENDERS FOR A FURTHER 300 HONG KONG AND KOWLOON TAXI LICENCES ON FRIDAY (JUNE 15).

A TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID TENDER FORMS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM FRIDAY FROM EITHER THE HONG KONG LICENSING OFFICE AT 2 MURRAY ROAD, OR FROM THE KOWLOON LICENSING OFFICE AT PARK-IN COMMERCIAL CENTRE IN DUNDAS STREET, MONG KOK.

THE SPOKESMAN ADVISED TENDERERS NOT TO USE THE TENDER FORMS ISSUED PREVIOUSLY WHICH HAVE BEEN DECLARED VOID. HE SAID THAT THE TENDER FORMS FOR THIS EXERCISE WILL BE YELLOW IN COLOUR.

THE TENDER WILL BE IN THE FORM OF A PREMIUM IN RESPECT OF ONE OR MORE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON TAXIS.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THAT A TENDERER MAY SUBMIT ONE FORM FOR ONE OR MORE LICENCES NOT EXCEEDING 300. THE TENDERER MAY ALSO SUBMIT MORE THAN ONE TENDER FORM, AND IF A TENDER FOR MORE THAN ONE LICENCE IS SUBMITTED, ONLY ONE FIXED PREMIUM SHOULD BE OFFERED.

+ IF THE NUMBER OF AVAILABLE LICENCES IS LESS THAN THE NUMBER REQUIRED BY A TENDERER THEN A SMALLER NUMBER OF LICENCES MAY BE ALLOCATED TO HIM AS APPROPRIATE, + HE SAID.

A PUBLIC BALLOT MAY BE HELD TO DETERMINE THE ACCEPTANCE OF THOSE TENDERS IF THE UNIT PREMIA ARE IDENTICAL.

COMPLETED TENDER FORMS TOGETHER WITH THE ORIGINAL DEPOSIT RECEIPTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN SEALED ENVELOPES, ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY, CENTRAL TENDER BOARD, AND PLACED IN THE SECRETARIAT TENDER BOX AT THE ENTRANCE HALL ON THE GROUND FLOOR OF THE GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT, CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (MAIN WING), LOWER ALBERT ROAD, HONG KONG BEFORE 12 NOON ON JUNE 29, 1979. LATE TENDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS WOULD BE ISSUED TAXI LICENCES AT THE RATE OF 100 PER MONTH STARTING FROM AUGUST WITH THE HIGHEST BIDS RECEIVING PRIORITY.

REFERRING TO RECENT PRESS REPORTS HINTING THAT TAXI FARES MAY BE FURTHER INCREASED, THE SPOKESMAN SAID NO SUCH ACTION WAS BEING CONTEMPLATED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

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COMPUTER COURSE FOR TEACHERS

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APPLICATIONS ARE NOW INVITED FROM SECONDARY SCHOOL MATHEMATICS TEACHERS FOR A COURSE IN BASIC COMPUTER PROGRAMMING ORGANISED BY THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT FROM JULY 16 TO 20.

THIS IS THE SIXTH COURSE OF ITS KIND OFFERED FREE BY THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE FIRST IN 1976- ALL PREVIOUS FIVE WITH GOOD RESPONSE.

THE VENUE FOR THE COMING COURSE WILL BE AT THE MATHEMATICS TEACHING CENTRE ON THE 3RD FLOOR OF THE TANNER ROAD POLICE PRIMARY SCHOOL, PAK FUK ROAD, NORTH POINT.

+OWING TO LIMITED FACILITIES, ONLY 20 TEACHERS CAN BE ACCEPTED THIS TIME. IF IT PROVES SUCCESSFUL THE COURSE WILL BE REPEATED IN SEPTEMBER,+ A SPOKESMAN FOR THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT SAID.

THE COURSE WILL COVER ELEMENTARY OPERATIONS, ARITHMETIC OPERATIONS, BRANCHING AND LOOPS, SUBSCRIPTS AND ARRAYS, CHARACTER STRINGS MANIPULATION, AND A SELECTION OF MATHEMATICAL PROBLEMS. IT WILL ALSO INCLUDE THEORY AND PRACTICAL WORK ON A MICRO-COMPUTER.

THE CLOSING DATE OF APPLICATIONS WILL BE JUNE 30 AND SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS WILL BE INFORMED NOT LATER THAN JULY 10.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THIS COURSE CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE MATHEMATICS SECTION OF THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, TEL: 5-774001 EXT. 36.

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NOTE TO EDITORS:

\$2 MILLION BOOST FOR SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME

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MR. P.G. WILLIAMS, CHAIRMAN OF THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB, WILL PRESENT A CHEQUE FOR \$2 MILLION TO THE HON. F.K. LI, SECRETARY FOR HOME AFFAIRS, AS THE CLUB'S DONATION TOWARDS THIS YEAR'S SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAMME.

THE CHEQUE PRESENTATION WILL BE HELD AT 3.15 P.M. TOMORROW (TUESDAY) AT THE RECEPTION HALL OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES (EAST WING), FIRST FLOOR, LOWER ALBERT ROAD.

YOU ARE INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO COVER THE EVENT.

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FIRING PRACTICE

FIRING PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE HA TSUEN-CASTLE PEAK RANGE FROM 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M. ON FRIDAY (JUNE 15).

THE PUBLIC ARE WARNED NOT TO ENTER THE AREA WHEN RED FLAGS ARE FLYING DURING THE TIME OF PRACTICE.

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